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Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This letter is in response to your request for records under the California Public Records Act dated December 21, 2012, and received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Discovery Unit on January 10, 2013.

In your request you are seeking the following:

- 1 Any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase, research of and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAYs, and UASs (hereinafter "drones");
- 2 Any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on institutional use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;
- 3 Any departmental records concerning this institution's use of and/or research of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including:
 - a the types of investigations or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office;
 - b policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;
 - c the altitude at which drones can or do fly;
 - d drones' ability to carry weapons.

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Response: Unfortunately, we are unable to assist you with your request. There are no Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department records responsive to your request.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Vanover of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5439.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy A. Gerhardt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Judy A. Gerhardt, Lieutenant
Risk Management Bureau